

FALCON FLYER

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Dear Floral Families,

Thank you to all parents and the PTO for the staff appreciation breakfast on Thursday. The treats were enjoyed by all staff; it was a great way to start the school day. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

As we approach the end of October, we wanted to update you on some school events coming up in celebration of the fall harvest. In addition to individual classroom celebrations, there are three school-wide events planned for **October 30th**. The School Community Committee, made up of Floral staff, has been hard at work with planning these fun events for our students:

Scarecrow Walk: Classrooms are invited to create a scarecrow to be displayed in the planted areas in front of the school. Students and teachers will then go on a Scarecrow Walk to view the creations. Parents are invited to park in the main lot and go on a Scarecrow Walk that day, too.

Musical Performance: Local performers Chuck & Mud and Peter Allard are booked to entertain students with their folk music that Friday afternoon. 1st and 2nd grade classes will join in the fun from 2:20-2:50 and 3rd and 4th grade students will come to the show from 1:40-2:10.

Dressing up for a Harvest: Students and staff are invited to dig out their country attire to wear on October 30th. Bandanas, cowboy boots, jeans, and hats... anything that puts them in the country spirit!

Have a great week!

~Lisa & Tiffany

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Updates from the PTO:

Next PTO Meeting Please join us for our PTO Meeting on **Wednesday, October 21st from 9:15am to 10:15am** at Floral Street School. We will be discussing the upcoming Floral Family Fun Fair that will be held on Saturday, November 14th. Please contact Hannah Kane at hkanemcpc@gmail.com with any questions. We are looking forward to seeing all of you! If you are unable to attend but want to be involved please email Hannah.

"Coins for Construction": PTO-sponsored fundraiser for the new Shrewsbury Public Library

A Coin Drive for the new Shrewsbury Public Library will be held at Floral Street School this week! Students that bring in a coin donation in a ziploc bag will be entered into a raffle! *Prizes will include two one-hour jump passes to SkyZone, three play passes to Jump Nation, a box of a dozen cookies from Wicked Good Cookies, and a Tatnuck bookstore \$25 gift certificate.*

Coin drop-off will be in the school lobby from 8:30 to 9am on Monday 10/19, Tuesday 10/20 and Wednesday 10/21. Eleven public and private elementary and middle schools in Shrewsbury are participating in this town-wide initiative. If we reach our goal, an area in the new Shrewsbury Public Library will be named for the children and families of Shrewsbury. The new library will open in the early Fall of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Powers (lisarthomas@aol.com).

Please click on this link for more information:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/floral/documents/CoinDriveSchoolFlyer.pdf>

Volunteers Needed for the Floral Family Fun Fair!

The Fun Fair is our largest event of the year and its' success is largely dependent on the generous help of our Floral families. Volunteers are needed Friday night for set up and throughout the day on Saturday, starting with set up in the morning, all the way until clean up in the afternoon. Please consider donating a few hours of your time to help make this event a day of great fun for our school community. Volunteer with a friend or with your Floral Street student. We welcome student volunteers age 10+ in the Game area. Students age 8-10 are welcome to volunteer in the Game area with a parent.

To sign up, please go to

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dabaf2ba6f94-2015>

We also welcome donations to our food and raffle tables. To sign up, go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4dabaf2ba6f94-20151>

Andy's Attic Clothing Donations Needed

During the month of October, the Community Service Learning Advisory Board at Shrewsbury High School is sponsoring a collection of winter clothing for Andy's Attic: gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, jackets and boots for all age children and the elementary and middle schools are partnering to help collect donations. *There is an extra high need for elementary age boys and girls clothes.* Andy's Attic is a 501c3 non-profit organization that provides new and gently used clothing to disadvantaged high school teens and their families and was created in memory of Andy Reese, a member of the SHS Class of 2007. You can check out the great things they do at www.andysattic.org.

Donations can be dropped off now in the lobby at Floral Street School – you will find a blue bin for donations that will be there through Friday, October 30th. You can also drop off at Shrewsbury High School, Attn: Dawn Vigliatura. Arrangements can be made for pick-ups as well. At Floral, please email Hannah Kane at hkanemcpc@gmail.com or email Dawn @ dvigliatura@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us. On behalf of Andy's Attic,

Thank you!

News from the Nurse's Office

Vision & Hearing Screening

The health office will be doing vision and hearing screenings over the next two weeks (10/19-10/23 and 10/26-10/30). If your child wears glasses, please make sure they bring them to school during these weeks. You will only get a letter from the nurse if your child does not pass the screening.

Thanks so much for your help!

Colds and Flu

As we gear up for cold and flu season, it is important to work together to keep our children and our school healthy. Healthy students miss fewer days of school. According to the National Association of School Nurses (NASN), children are two to three times more likely to get sick with the flu and spread the virus to others.

Knowing the symptoms of the flu and how they differ from a cold will help you to act quickly to getting your child feeling better.

- Common symptoms of the flu include: high fever, severe headache, muscle and body aches, exhaustion and dry cough.
- Children often have additional flu symptoms, not common in adults, such as nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
- Symptoms of a cold include: stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat and hacking cough.

You should call your child's doctor for any questions or concerns you may have regarding your child's symptoms. If your child has the flu, it is important for them to stay home from school, rest and drink plenty of fluids. Please notify me if your child has the flu. Your child must be fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medication, such as Tylenol, Acetaminophen, Motrin, Advil, Ibuprofen, etc.) before returning to school. Monitoring the flu incidence helps keep students and faculty healthy. For more information on the flu visit

www.cdc.gov/flu.

Remember – it is not too late to get a flu shot!

Notes from Previous Falcon Flyers:

The Elementary Lunch Menu and Directions for purchasing pre-paid lunch tickets can be found at any time at:

<http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/foodsvc/elementarylunchmenu.cfm>

Important Upcoming Dates:

*New dates added this week appear in bold print

October 20	School Picture Orders Due in to the Office
October 20	Grade 4 Field Trip to Harvard Museum / Edgren, Ralys, Morgan, Ross Classes
October 21	School Picture Re-Take Day
October 22	Grade 4 Field Trip to Harvard Museum / Goulding, Manning, Powell, Leifer, and Spangenberg Classes
October 23	Grade 2 Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village/ Bradt & Hogan classes
October 28	Grade 2 Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village/ Caforio, Martel, Young classes
October 30	Harvest Celebration at Floral Street School
November 3	Parent-Teacher Conference Day / No School for Students
November 6	School Meeting / Grades 3 & 4
November 11	Veteran's Day / No School
November 12	Wingmaster's Program at Floral / 2 nd Grade Classes
November 13	School Meeting / Grades 1 & 2
November 14	FLORAL FAMILY FUN FAIR
November 25-27	Thanksgiving Break / No School

Most Frequently Used Numbers:

Office	(508) 841-8720
Nurses, Phone	(508) 841-8729
Nurses, FAX	(508) 841-1545
Extended Day	(508) 841-8743

The full district school calendar is available on the district homepage at: <http://schools.shrewsbury-ma.gov/>